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NATIVE-AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN KANSAS RECEIVE GRANTS

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that Native-American Law Enforcement agencies in Kansas will receive \$276,150 in grants.

The funds were awarded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to four Kansas tribes:

- The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, \$44,956.
- The Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, \$95,116.
- The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians, \$8,850
- Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, \$127,588

"We believe these grants will enhance law enforcement infrastructures and community policing efforts in the Native American communities of Kansas and provide them with more resources to deal with crime and violence," Melgren said. "The COPS grants are aimed at making these communities safer."

The grants are part of \$24.1 million being awarded to a total of 114 tribal police departments in 24 states under the Tribal Resources Grant Program. They pay for basic equipment, crime fighting technology systems, training and other items.